

TEXAS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

VARIOUS Counties

MINUTE ORDER

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The Texas Transportation Commission (commission) desires to award a total of \$550,000 in Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Formula Grants for Rural Areas Program – Intercity Bus Transportation funds (49 U.S.C. §5311(f)), to support intercity bus needs in non-urbanized areas of the state in a manner consistent with the objectives and requirements of CARES Act funding, including waiving local match requirements of the provider.

Title 43, Texas Administrative Code, §31.36, establishes the process by which program proposals shall be evaluated and funds distributed. On December 4, 2020, the department published a Notice of Call for Projects in the *Texas Register*. The goal of the Intercity Bus (ICB) Supplemental Call for Projects – Emergency Relief Funding Opportunity is to provide operating assistance to eligible ICB carriers in order to preserve the network of intercity bus routes serving rural areas of the state in the wake of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The commission finds that Autobuses Ejecutivos, LLC dba Omnibus Express is eligible for funding and awards a total of \$550,000 in federal §5311(f) funds.

Transportation Code, Chapter 455 assigns a broad spectrum of public transportation roles and missions to the department.

Transportation Code, Chapter 456 authorizes the commission to administer funds appropriated for public transportation.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the commission that the executive director or the director's designee is directed to proceed with the §5311(f) allocation as described, submit the necessary state application to the FTA, and enter into the necessary contracts.

Submitted and reviewed by:

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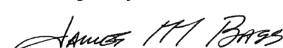
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